Evacuating a Casualty using a Sked or Improvised Litter

Evacuation

Being able to evacuate a casualty in a quick and efficient manner can result in saving his life

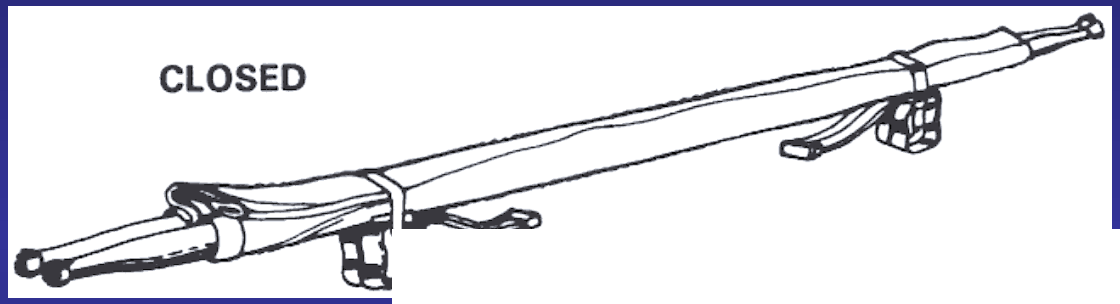
You may need to move the casualty to a company aid post or other location where the casualty can receive needed medical care

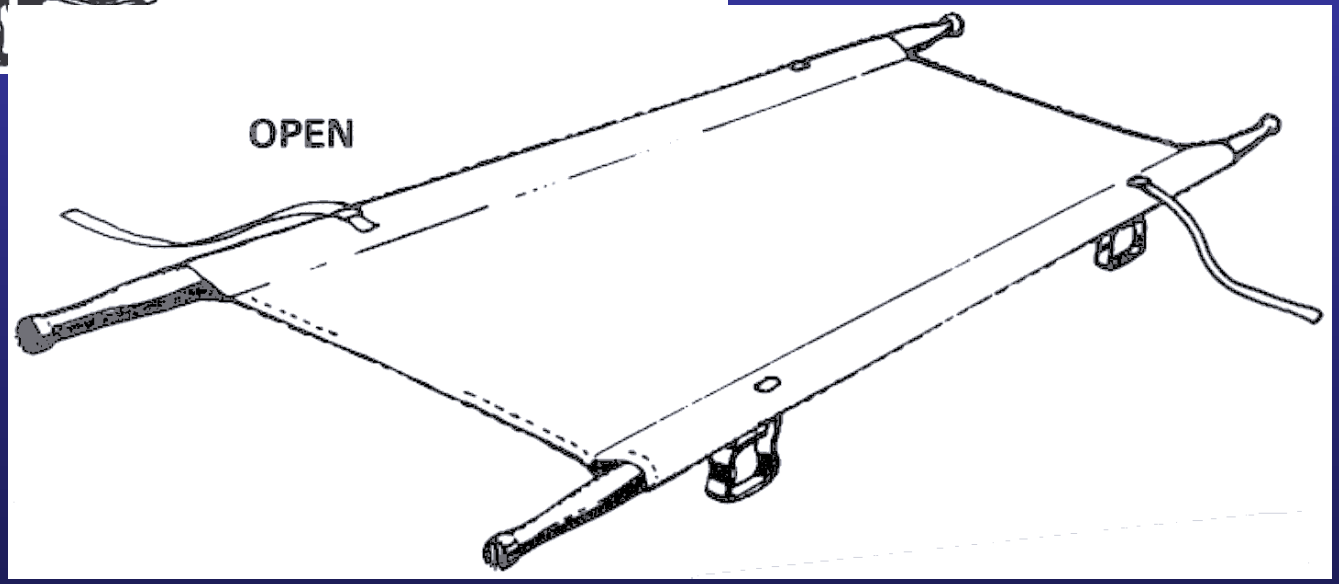
Sometimes, the casualty can walk, but at other times he must be carried on a litter

SKED Litter

- Compact
- Lightweight
- Strong

Standard Collapsible Litter



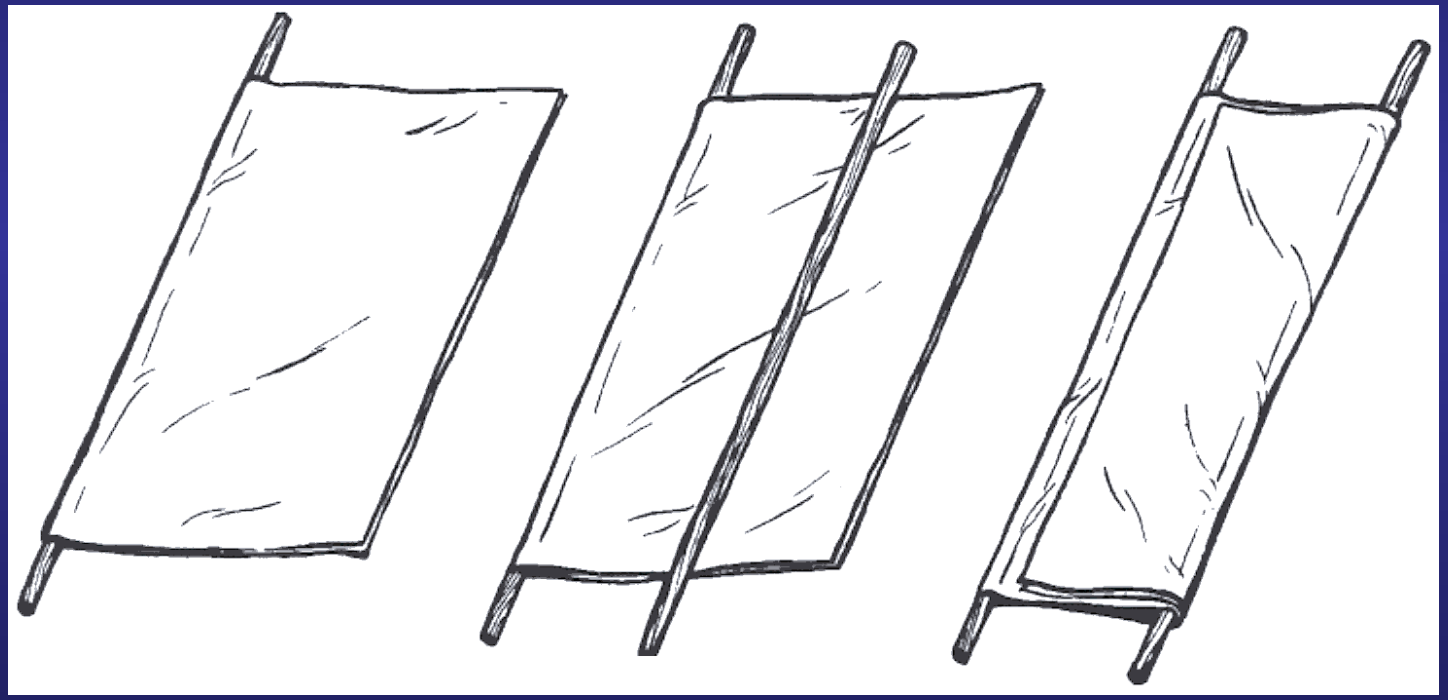


Improvised Litter

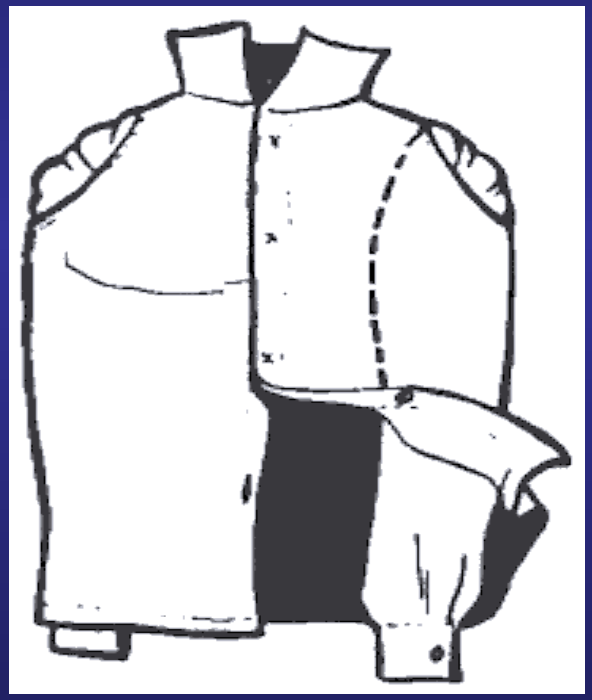
- There are times when a casualty may have to be moved and you must improvise litters from materials at hand

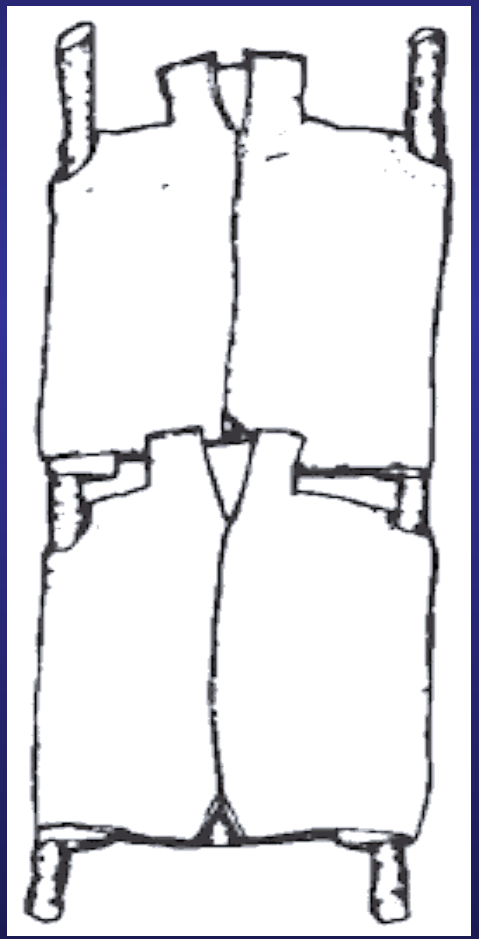
- Improvised litters must be as well constructed as possible to avoid the risk of dropping the casualty or causing further injury

Improvised Litter
(Using Blankets & Poles)

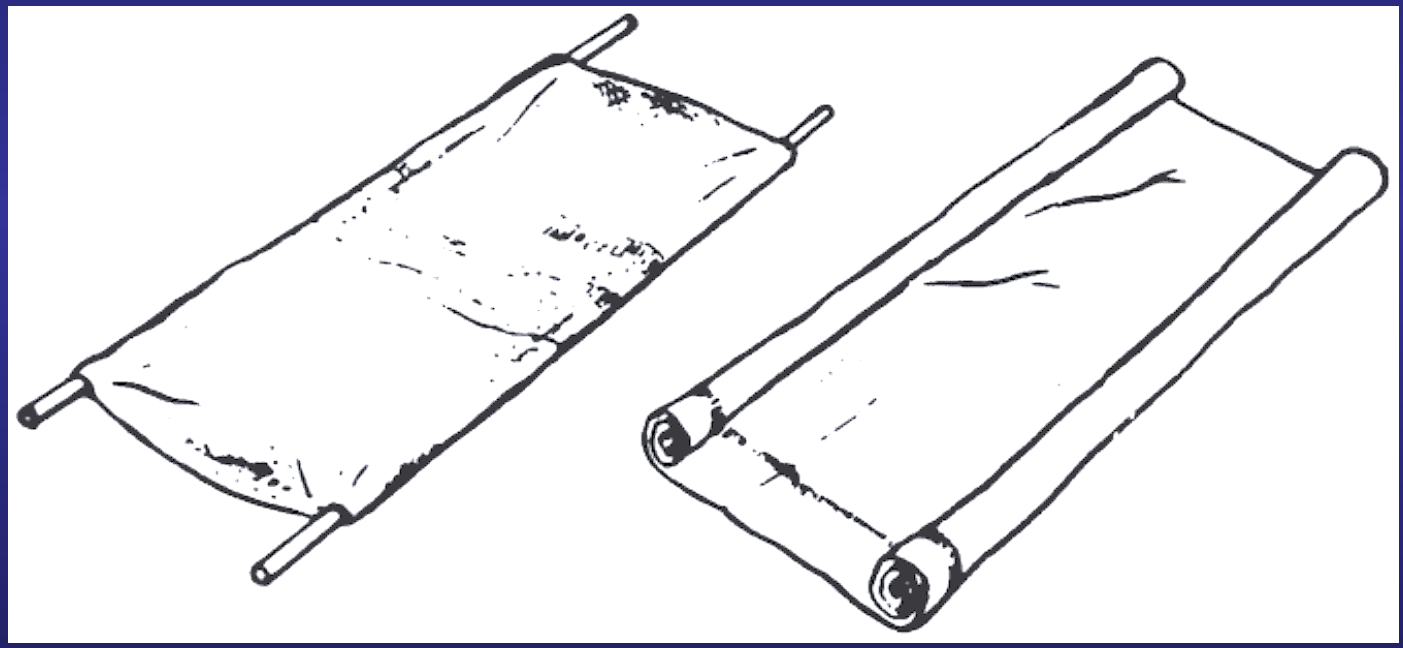


Improvised Litter
(Using Jackets & Poles)





Improvised Litter
(Using Bed Sacks & Poles)

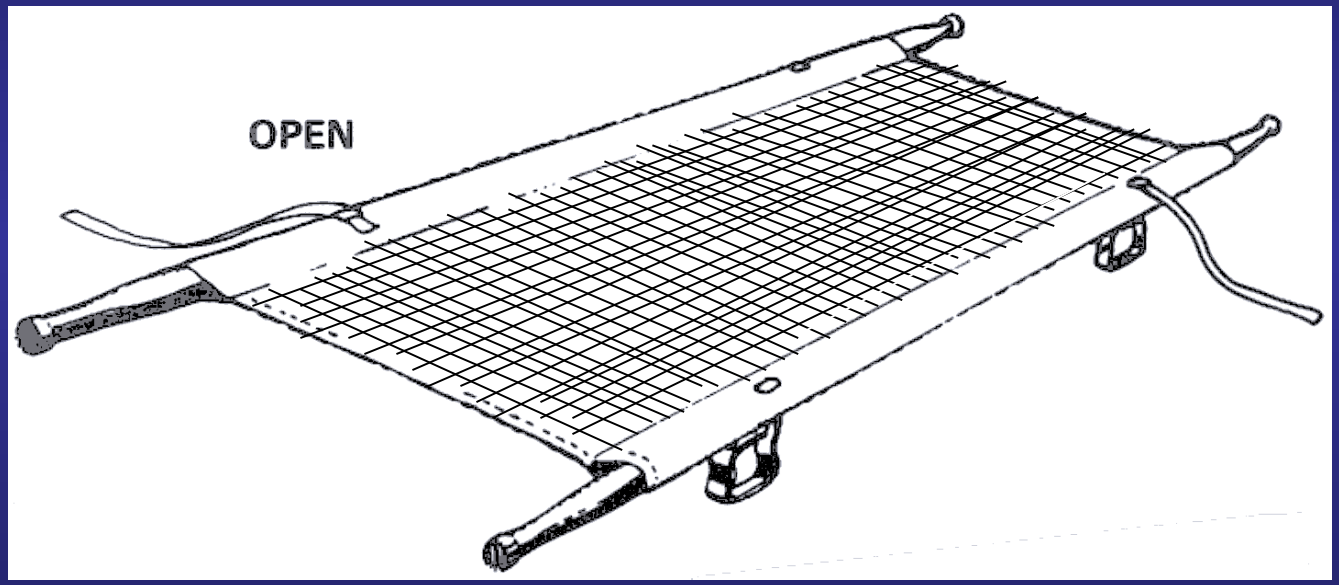


Rolled Blanket Used As Litter

Chemical Litters

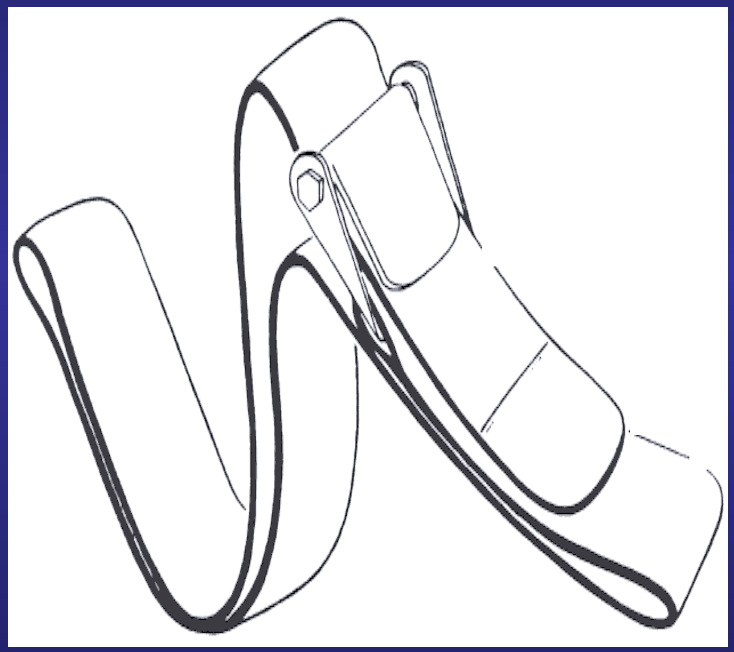
- Cover fabric is honeycomb weave of monofilament polypropylene
- Will not absorb agent and is not degraded by decontamination fluids
- Flame retardant and rip resistant
- Treated to withstand weather and sunlight

Chemical Litter

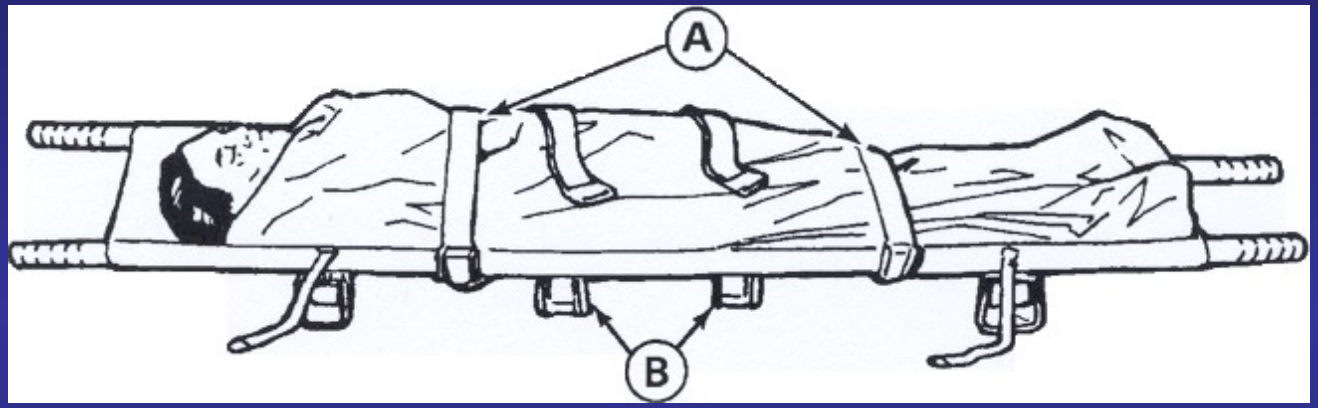


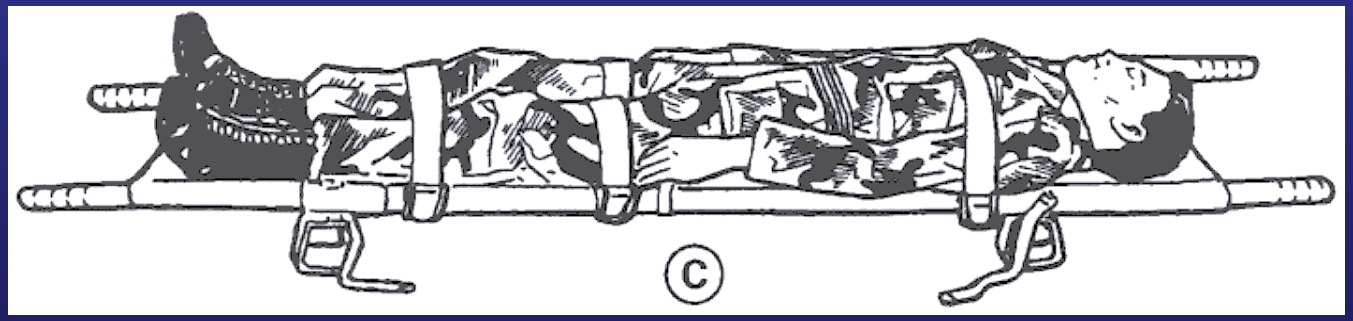
Patient Securing Strap

- Used after casualty is placed on dressed litter and covered
- Used to hold casualty in position
- Number of straps depends on type of terrain over which casualty is carried



Use of Patient Securing Straps





General Rules for Litter Bearers

- Litter bearers must make deliberate and gentle movements
- The command STEADY should be used to prevent undue haste
- The rear bearers should watch the movements of the front bearers and time their movements accordingly
- The litter must be kept as level as possible

General Rules for Litter Bearers

- The casualty is carried feet first, except when going uphill or upstairs; his head should then be forward
- If casualty has a fracture of a lower extremity, he should be carried uphill or upstairs feet first and downhill or downstairs head first
- When casualty is loaded on litter, his individual equipment is carried by two of the bearers or placed on litter

QUESTIONS?